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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 October 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action acknowledges the applicant's amendment filed on 7/19/2010.

Claims 14-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 are cancelled.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 20 recites the limitations "further such strip" and "the strips" in the second line of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim. It is unclear to the Examiner if the Applicant is claiming the same strip as claimed previously or an additional strip.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claims 14-16, 18 and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Viesturs US 3,943,645.

Claim 14: Viesturs discloses an information display arrangement comprising a plurality pockets 18, each pocket having a front panel 20 and a back panel 22/24, at least one edge (as disclosed in Col 4:5-10, three of the four sides of the pocket are sealed therefore a opening is formed at one of the edges) of each pocket 10

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being open so that a piece 38 of writing material can be inserted into and removed from that pocket 18, each front panel 20 being sufficiently transparent to enable such a piece of writing material in the respective pocket to be seen through the front panel from the outside (Fig. 1), the pockets 18 being connected by their edges edge-to-edge in a strip in such a way that one or more of the pockets 18 can be readily separated from the remainder of the strip (Col 4:49-58), the pockets 18 being integrally formed with each other in the strip with means defining lines 82 (Col 4:49-58 and 5:7-13) between adjacent pockets along which those adjacent pockets can be readily separated, the back of the strip being self-adhesive 66/68 to enable the pocket(s) separated from the strip to be adhered to a surface and the arrangement further including a series of separate backing pieces 70/72 each covering the self-adhesive back of a respective one of the pockets, each backing piece 70/72 being peelable from the respective pocket to expose the self-adhesive back of the respective pocket.

Claim 15: Viesturs discloses each backing piece 70/72 is capable of being a piece of writing material of a size such that it can be inserted without folding into the respective pocket 18.

Claim 16: Viesturs discloses the strip is flexible and is readily tearable along the separation lines. (Col 3:63-68 and 4:49-58)

Claim 18: Viesturs discloses the pockets 18 are each generally rectangular and are arranged longer-edge to longer-edge in the strip. (Col 7:6-21)

Claim 20: Viesturs discloses a further such strip (of jackets 18), the strips being connected by their edges edge-to-edge and being readily separable from each other. (Col 3:49-58)

Claim 21: Viesturs discloses in combination with a plurality of pieces 70/72 capable of being writing material, or a sheet 38 that can readily be divided up into a plurality of pieces of writing material, each of which can be written on and inserted into one of the pockets 18.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. Claims 17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Viesturs US 3,943,645 in view of Brady, Jr. US 3,896,246.

Claim 17: Viesturs discloses the back panels are integrally formed as stated above but it does not specifically disclose the back panels are sufficiently brittle that they can readily be snapped apart along the separation lines.

However Brady discloses the back panels are sufficiently brittle that they can readily be snapped apart along the separation lines.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the back panels of Viesturs be made of a material that is brittle and cause a snap separation along the separation lines as taught by Brady, since Brady suggests at Col 4:45 - Col 5:3, 15-19 and figures 9 and 10 that such a modification would allow the pockets to be separated and still strong and sturdy enough to be reused over and over again.

Claim 19: Viesturs discloses the pockets are generally rectangular with at least one open edge but it does not specifically disclose at least one of the shorter edges is open.

However in another embodiment of Viesturs (Figs. 11-14), discloses at least one of the shorter edges is open (at 142).

It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to have the opening on the shorter edge of the pocket, since applicant has not disclosed that having the pocket on the shorter edge solves any stated problem or is for any particular purpose and it appears that the invention would perform equally well with the opening on any side of the pocket.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed 7/19/2010, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 14-21 under 103(a) in view of Norberg and Popat have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Viesturs.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JENINE M. PAGAN whose telephone number is

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(571)270-3216. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 8am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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